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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Kurt C. Gish, *et al.*

Application Serial No. 09/930,020

Filed: August 14, 2001

For: **METHODS OF DIAGNOSIS OF  
COLORECTAL CANCER,  
COMPOSITIONS, AND METHODS OF  
SCREENING FOR COLORECTAL  
CANCER MODULATORS**

Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: Rawlings, Stephen L.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This in response to the Office Communication dated June 25, 2003, and is submitted on or before the extended due date of **August 25, 2003**. A petition for a one-month extension of time and the requisite fee is enclosed.

**REMARKS**

In the Office Communication, the Examiner states that Applicants' reply filed on April 11, 2003 is not fully responsive because Applicants have not elected one gene set forth in Table 1 and/or Table 2. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's statements are incorrect.

In Applicants' Response dated April 11, 2003, Applicants have elected Claim 7 for examination. Applicants have further canceled Claim 7 and re-written it as new Claim 32. New Claim 32 does not recite a nucleic acid of Table 1 or 2. New Claim 32 only recites a gene of SEQ ID NO: 1.